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SUBJECT: INDO-US SUBCOMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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1. IN MAY 2 MEETING WITH DR. R.D. DESHPANDE, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DST), EMBOFFS RAISED QUESTIONS POSED REFTELS. ON QUESTION OF WHICH SUBCOMMISSION SHOULD HAVE COGNIZANCE OF COLLABORATIVE S&T PROJECTS WITH INDIAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, DESHPANDE SAID THAT DST PREFERENCES THAT SUBJECT REMAIN WITH S&T SUBCOMMISSION. HE SAID WE COULD PROCEED ON THIS BASIS, UNLESS NOTIFIED TO CONTRARY, WHICH HE DID NOT EXPECT. CULTURAL COUNSELOR IS THEREFORE REMOVING THIS SUBJECT FROM DRAFT AGENDA OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE SUB-COMMISSION.

2. DESHPANDE WAS AWARE OF DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE FOR JUNE 16-17 AS DATES FOR NEXT S&T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING. HE SAID THAT HE IS IN TOUCH WITH MEA ON THIS AND HOPES TO HAVE A DECISION IN ABOUT A WEEK.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS TO MEET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE INDO-AMERICAN SUBCOMMISSIONS PERHAPS, ACCORDING TO DESHPANDE, LATER THIS WEEK. (MEA TELLS US MEETING IS NOW SCHED-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ULED FOR MAY 6) HE SAID THAT DST HAS PREPARED A PAPER FOR THAT MEETING ON THE QUESTION OF CLEARANCE FOR COLLABORATIVE S&T PROJECTS WITH INDIAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

4. DESHPANDE CAUTIONED THAT WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT AN IMMEDIATE CHANGE ON THE PART OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING COLLABORATIVE S&T PROJECTS. ALTHOUGH THE MINISTER

HAD BEEN REPLACED, THOSE OFFICIALS WHO ENJOYED THE PATRONAGE OF
THE FORMER MINISTER WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED BEFORE THERE
WOULD BE MUCH PROGRESS IN CLEARING PROJECTS BY THE MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION.

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